

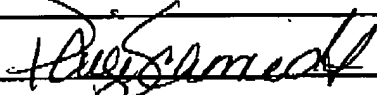
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 are before the examiner, and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginter (US 6,363,488) in view of Anderson et al (US 6,209,095).

Generally, applicant's claims are directed toward systems and methods of both generating a contract, and once generated (i.e., signed), administering the contract, for example, tracking obligations, using a single database.

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